

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7833

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

UMCONSUL MADRAS 9621

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, SOCI, IN, GW

SUBJECT: COURT-MARTIAL OF US SIKH CONVERTS IN WEST

GERMANY

REF: (A) STATE 220056 (B)BONN 15696

1. DELEGATION FROM SHIROMANI AKALI DAL (SUPREME SIKH  
RELIGIOUS HEADED BY MOHAN BODY) SINGH TUR, PRESIDENT  
OF THE ORGANIZATION, CALLED ON EMBASSY  
TODAY AND RECEIVED BY POLCOUNSELOR. PURPOSE OF  
VISIT TO LADGE DIRECT PROTEST AND APPEAL TO USG TO RELEASE  
BROADWELL AND FRESCO, RESCIND PUNISHMENT IMPOSED ON THEM,  
AND RESTORE THEM TO STATUS BEFORE CONVICTION. DELEGATION  
SAID AKALI DAL HAD CONFIEMD WITH SIKH TEMPLE IN LONDON  
THAT MEN HAD BEEN CONVERTED, HAD GIVEN EVERY INDICATION OF  
SEEKING CONVERSION IN GOOD FAITH, AND THAT FROM POINT OF  
VIEW OF SIKHS, THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS SIKHS. THEY EX-  
PRESSED INDIGNATION AND SURPRISE THAT FREEDOM OF  
RELIGION UNDER US CONSTITUTION WAS BEING QUESTIONED.

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POLCOUNSELOR USED GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REFTELS. DELEGATION

CLEARLY NOT CONVINCED BY RATIONALE GIVERN.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER CONVICTION  
AND SENTENCE BEING APPEALED OR IMPLEMENTED.

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